



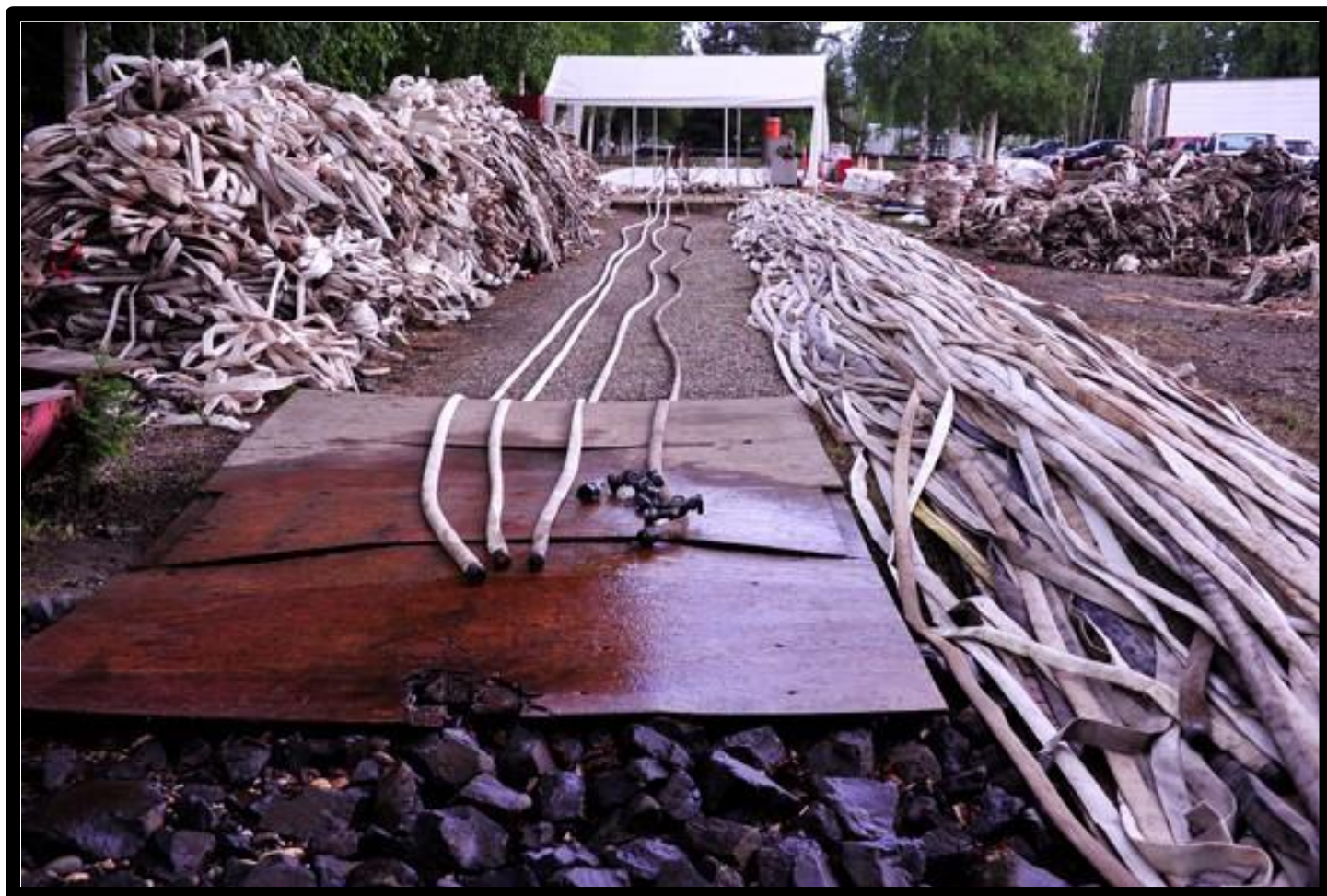
## ***Wildland Fire Updates***

July 19, 2013  
Last Updated: 1:00pm

**Contacts**  
Report Fires: 911  
AFS/DOF Public Affairs: (907) 356-5511

***Updates are provided as significant changes in activity occur.***

*Backhaul of hose used during fire suppression at the Fairbanks Division of Forestry Equipment Yard (Photo ALXSw). Hose is washed, cleaned and dried before returning to service.*



## Statewide Fires

A total of 73 fires are active statewide with 3 fires staffed. 475 fires have burned 1,072,851 acres so far this year. At 7:00 am today, Alaska remains at Preparedness Level 2.

### 7/19 Stuart Creek 2 Fire (#280): Alaska IMT continues making good progress on fire containment

**The Evacuation Watch for the Chena Hot Springs Road between Mileposts 27 and 39 has been lifted.**

Effective at noon, Friday, July 19, the remaining Evacuation Watch for residents of Two Rivers and Pleasant Valley along Chena Hot Springs Road between Mileposts 27 and 39 has been lifted by the Interagency Incident Management Team, Alaska Department of Natural Resources, Fairbanks North Star Borough and the Alaska State Troopers.

The entire Chena Hot Springs Road and the Chena Hot Springs Resort remain open.

The Type 2 Alaska IMT (Kurth) is in command of the fire. The fire is 57% contained and is 85,475 acres. 541 firefighters remain assigned to the fire. The west side of the fire is now fully contained. Fire crews will continue building line on the north and northeast corner of the perimeter along with mop up efforts as needed.

For more information please call: (907) 451-0590 ext. 30260 (8 a.m. to 8 p.m.); follow on Twitter: #StuartCreek2 #AK #AKMID or visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3468/>.

### 7/19 Moon Lake Fire (#401)

The fire is 17,945 acres and remains north of the Tanana River. The fire is 10% contained. The crews have secured the east flank of the fire. IHC crews will continue to fell and buck snags will assist T2 crews completing mop-up. The fire will continue to be monitored by air and boat. The fire is managed by a Type 3 Team. There are 130 personnel on this fire, including 7 crews and 2 helicopters. For more information please visit: <http://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/3459/>.

## Smoke

All communities near the fire will probably see less smoke due to a wetter trend forecasted today and throughout the weekend. In the evenings and morning, smoke may sink to the lower elevation communities like North Pole, Fairbanks, and Eielson AFB. For information on smoke conditions, visit this website: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>. Smoke can pose health concerns for the public. Residents are encouraged to visit the "Protect Yourself from Smoke" website for smoke protection information at <http://www.cdc.gov/Features/Wildfires/>.

It is very important that homeowners take time to create defensible space. The Alaska Firewise brochure provides guidelines for emergency preparedness and measures that can be taken to prepare a home and property for wildland fire. <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>.

Information on travel conditions and fire-related road closures can be found at <http://511.alaska.gov>.

Keep informed of local fire information sources and air quality reports. The Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation has smoke information at <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm> and <http://dec.alaska.gov/air/smokemain.htm>. For "Frequently Asked Questions" visit [http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke\\_ga.htm](http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/smoke_ga.htm).

## 7/19 Keeping Campfires Safe This Fire Season

The warmer and drier weather is rapidly drying out mosses, grasses, and other light fuels. These light fuels are the carriers of fire. Fire personnel have suppressed numerous human caused fires across Alaska this fire season. Currently, any spark can cause a fire.

Campers are advised that campfires are dangerous this time of year. Large fires and bonfires, fires that are throwing embers, or any fires that cannot be completely extinguished quickly create a serious risk.

Due to the severe potential for damage to natural resources, property, and human life, penalties may be imposed including fines and possible imprisonment (AS4115.140).

All burning permits remain suspended until further notice due to potential fire severity.

Preventing human-caused wildfires requires awareness and responsibility, and benefits our state resources and the safety of our communities.

**"You are responsible for every fire you start"**

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### Information Gathering/Additional References

[www.inciweb.nwccg.gov](http://www.inciweb.nwccg.gov)

[www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com)

Alaska Fire Service account: **@BLM\_AFS**

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **@AK\_Forestry**

Bureau of Land Management account: **@BLMAlaska**

National Park Service account: **@AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **@USFWSAlaska**

Alaska Fire Consortium: **@AKfirescience**

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

BLM Alaska Fire Service account: **BLM Alaska Fire Service**

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AK.Forestry**

Bureau of Land Management account: **BLMAlaska**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

US Fish and Wildlife Service account: **USFWSAlaska**

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

Alaska Division of Forestry account: **AlaskaDNRDOF**

National Park Service account: **AlaskaNPS**

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
- Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
- Alaska Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
- National Fire Situation Report: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
- Interagency Newsroom (Media Guide): <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/newsroom.php>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group - Education and Reference Materials: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Alaska Fire Consortium: <http://akfireconsortium.uaf.edu>
- Protect your home and property!: <http://firewise.org/> and
- <http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/firewise09.pdf>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns): <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info): (907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>
- BLM Alaska Fire Service: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/afs/>
- Alaska Division of Forestry: <http://forestry.alaska.gov>
  - Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/nature/fire/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire>

- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://tfr.faa.gov/tfr2/list.html>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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